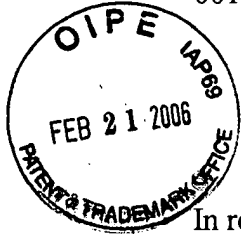


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005, the period for
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